

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Detailed Office Action of 12/23/2004.

In the Office Action the Examiner rejects claims 1 to 9 in the present application on the basis of a non-statutory double patenting in view of USPN 6,702,417.

The Applicant contests the assertions of the Examiner that the above claims are unpatentable over respective claims in the cited document. However, in the interest of expeditious prosecution of the application, the Applicant files a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c).

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed and a reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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